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All County Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/
Targeted Case Management Coordinators and
Advisory Committee Members

Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) Claiming for Inmates of Public Institutions

The purpose of this letter is to restate and clarify the policy for Local Governmental Agencies (LGAs) that wish to claim for certain MAA performed for inmates of public institutions (i.e., adult detention facilities/public penal institutions and institutions for mental diseases (IMDs), also referred to as psychiatric hospitals).

In accordance with Section 1905(a)(xi)(25)(A) of the Social Security Act and the Final Agreement between Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) and the Department of Health Services, executed on November 21, 1995, Attachment (5) clearly states:

“Medical assistance services provided to inmates of public institutions are not eligible for Medicaid payment. However, Medi-Cal eligibility intake administrative activities provided to such inmates may be allowable under certain limited circumstances. For example, an eligibility intake process has been established for inmates by their home counties **in the month of their release** in order to facilitate transition to Medi-Cal services in their communities. This Medi-Cal eligibility intake activity is allowable. **No other administrative activities or direct Medi-Cal services are allowable for inmates of public institutions (emphasis added).**”

The above provisions are established federal law and policy, and provisions which applied to MAA claimed during the Resolution and Transition Periods. These provisions also apply to MAA claimable under the current MAA program. Claiming plans submitted for MAA performed for inmates of public institutions which are out of compliance with this policy, will be denied.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact the analyst assigned to your LGA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darryl Nixon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Darryl Nixon, Chief
Medi-Cal Benefits Branch

cc: See next page.

